

POLAND IS STRIPPED BY HUN OCCUPATION

Raw Materials and Machinery Are Seized by Enemy—Industrial Plants Robbed.

WARSAW, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—Poland is stripped of all materials and machinery during the German occupation which ended November 11. On that day a few thousand soldiers of the Polish legion, aided by the population of Warsaw, disarmed more than 20,000 German soldiers who had planned a revolt against their officers. All food and all telephone wires were removed by the Germans. All industrial plants were robbed and dismantled, with the result that Poland will have a hard job to start in again, even if financial and political conditions were of the best, observers say. Discarding the economic situation in Poland, Stanislaw Lardowski, director of the Commercial Bank of Warsaw, said to the correspondent today: "It will take nearly \$2,000,000,000 to repair the damage done during the German occupation and to put us on our feet properly and to develop

our great natural resources. Our oil products return 500,000,000 marks annually and we are rich in coal and salt mines, potash, forests and agricultural products.

"At the present time the economic situation is confused because Russian rubles, Austrian crowns and German marks are in circulation. The marks are a heritage of the German occupation.

"In April, 1917, the Germans issued 2,000,000,000 marks which they called Polish marks. The issue was made through a special bank with the announcement that after two years Polish marks would be redeemed by German marks. By this scheme, the German bank was not compelled to issue extra money and therefore did not injure its own credit.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Wheat sown in the field in this county is unusually good but due to the excessive amount of rain the farmers have had to take the stock out of the fields as the horses and cattle sink in their knees, killing the wheat plants.

SIGN PEACE FIRST IS VIEW OF LODGE

Senator Sees Possible Division of Allies if All of Wilson's Points Are Insisted On.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Five of President Wilson's 14 principles of peace were held up in the senate today by Senator Lodge, the republican leader, as questions which might lead to division among the nations which have conquered Germany and which certainly should be postponed until after the peace conference. They are the first four and the last points enumerated by the president in his message of January 8, 1918, and relate to secret diplomacy, freedom of the seas, economic barriers, reduction of armaments and the league of nations.

Before Senator Lodge spoke, the foreign relations committee met to consider the resolution of Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, republican, proposing postponement of action on the league of nations and freedom of the seas and also the resolution of Senator Johnson of California, republican, concerning an official statement of America's policy in Russia.

Action on both resolutions was postponed and probably will not be taken up until after the holidays.

The senator delivered a prepared address on the problems of the peace conference in which he spoke of the heavy responsibility of the senate in the work of making peace, recalled that in treaty can become binding upon the United States without the senate's consent and declared that untoward results could be avoided only if the senate expressed itself frankly in advance.

"While I think it is a grave mistake," he said, "on the part of the president to ignore the senate because our ultimate responsibility in making the peace is quite equal to his own, I have no fault to find with his not consulting the senate as delegates to the peace conference. There is no obligation whatever upon him to make such appointments."

Reminds of Senate Power.
"In the present situation, which is grave beyond comparison," he said, "I think it is of vast importance that those concerned in the actual negotiation of the treaty should at least know the views of the senate so far as the postwar scene is in control of the cables and Mr. Cress, in control of the news, will permit the opinion of the senate to the treaty, notified to Paris. We cannot compel information, but we are absolutely able to make our opinions known not only to the president but to the allies, who have a very clear and even acute idea of the power of the senate in regard to treaties.

To bring forward propositions not immediately connected with the immediate and difficult task of making a binding peace with Germany, Senator Lodge said "may pay off by trying to do something at once. Such propositions, he said, were the five points enumerated.

In his discussion of the freedom of the seas the senator called attention to the German blockade of the Atlantic coast and said that he was not a naval expert, but he felt sure we will have a navy sufficient to furnish that fleet to the western coast. And yet at this moment we are suddenly called upon to build a fleet which shall be the equal of that of England.

Of suggestions that a great navy is needed for police duty in connection with the league of nations, the senator said he would "not stop to ask who is to order that navy about the world."

Mr. Lodge said he would be glad if the senate debates on peace were supplemented by some definite resolutions expressing views on important points. He continued:

"Whether the senate will take such action, although I know that we have very definite opinions—I cannot tell, because there seems to be a feeling among some senators that it is an act of intolerable audacity for the senate even to suggest to the executive that it has opinions which ought to be considered. Personally, I do not share that view.

"Peace being our object, the first step toward peace is to make a peace with the country with which we have been and are at war—that is, with Germany. If the peace with Germany is to be durable, terms must be exacted which will make it so far as human foresight goes, impossible for Germany to break out again upon the world with a war of conquest. This cannot be done by treaty engagements and signatures to documents. At this juncture of affairs Germany would sign anything, and her pledge would be as worthless as the guarantee she gave to Belgium. It is well also to remember that Germany did not change its nature over night when the Kaiser ran away to Holland. The deep rooted ambitions, the evil principles carefully instilled for half a

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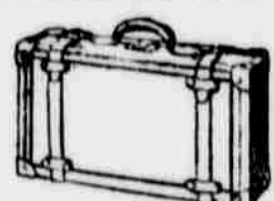
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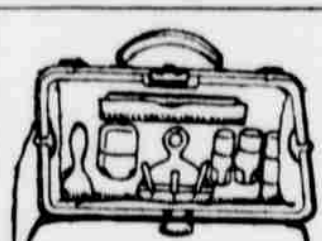
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century, the barbarous methods and doctrines all remain unaltered.

Peace Terms.

"I do not need to rehearse what these physical guarantees should be for I have stated my views upon them more than once to the senate, and I think there is general agreement upon them, not only in the senate but among the American people. They include the restoration of Belgium, the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France, the return of the Italian irredentia to Italy, the establishment of a Jugoslav state and of an independent state formed by the Czech-Slovakians. They include also the security of Greece, the settlement of Albania and Montenegro, the restoration of Rumania, the consolidation of all the Rumanian people under one government as well as the neutralization of the straits, the putting of Constantinople under international protection with Greece perhaps as the mandatory of the powers to administer the affairs of the city, the independence of Armenia, the return of those portions of Asia Minor where Greeks are predominant to Greece, the protection of Syria and Palestine from the Turks, a large, powerful and independent Polish state, the independence of Rumania, the return of Danubian Schleswig to the Danes and the neutralization of the Kiel canal.

"These physical guarantees which I have thus far suggested all have one object and that is to keep Germany in that she cannot attempt conquest in Russia or the east and that the Slavic populations, which she has mercilessly used in her wars, can not be used by her again.

"In addition to these guarantees there must be heavy indemnities paid by Germany for the ruin she has brought in Belgium and northern France and in Italy and for her destruction of yachts, both neutral and belligerent, through the use of submarines. In those indemnities the United States must have its proper and proportionate share, not only direct indemnities for yachts destroyed by submarines and its people murdered on the Lusitania and other vessels, but a suitable restitution in part at least of the vast expense forced upon us by Germany.

"It will be for the peace conference to determine what disposition should be made of the German colonies, but one thing is essential, and that is that they should not be returned to the tyrannical misgovernment of Germany and that she should be deprived of those means for extending her commerce and building up military outposts in all parts of the world.

"It is the duty of the allies and the United States to meet and determine what terms they will impose upon Germany and then, and not until then, call in the representatives of Germany and impose the terms upon them."

Of the league of nations proposal Senator Lodge said no definite plan has yet been put forth that would not cause infinite controversy. "The attempt now to form a league of nations and a human effective league, with power to enforce its decrees," he said, "can tend only to embarrass the peace that we ought to make at once with Germany. If it were successful and were to come before the senate it might endanger the peace treaty and force amendments."

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